

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING TIMECARD RELATED
INFORMATION IN A PURCHASE ORDER PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A computer software tool for processing timecard related information
representing services to be billed wherein the software tool is part of a purchase
order procurement system. The software tool is single software system for
procurement services composed of a timecard module integrated with a
procurement management module. The timecard process includes a base of
10 functions compatible with existing procurement software systems. The system
allows a contractor (buyer) to generate a timecard including services,
descriptions and amounts. The generation of the timecard triggers a notification
to an approving body which then either approves or declines the timecard. Once
approved, timecard information can be exported, e.g., using XML, to a payroll or
15 other external service. The timecard information is processed by the
procurement system like any other purchase order item and, moreover, the
suites of functionality of the procurement system that relate to purchase order
items are also available for timecard information. Approvals can be
accomplished by email transmitted notifications and email transmitted forms.